

### In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### Claim 1 (currently amended)

1. A protective material with punched shaped parts, manufactured by ~~obtainable in a~~ converting process for producing ~~single-sidedly~~ sided or ~~double-sidedly~~ sided adhesive punched shaped parts from a single-sided or double sided adhesive tape, wherein a ~~the~~ single-sidedly sided or double-sidedly sided adhesive tape is placed positioned on top of the protective material, ~~from which punched the~~ shaped parts are punched out from the single-sided or double sided adhesive tape by a punching tool via a kiss-cut process, wherein the protective material comprises a non-carbon black colored polymer backing sheet having a top and a bottom face, the non-carbon black coloring being ~~obtained by means of colorants~~ disposed in the interior of the backing sheet, so as to avoid abrasion on the punching tool ~~or changes in the electrical conductivity of the backing sheet.~~

#### Claim 2 (currently amended)

2. A protective material with punched shaped parts, manufactured by ~~obtainable in a~~ converting process for producing ~~single-sidedly~~ sided or ~~double-sidedly~~ sided adhesive punched shaped parts from a single-sided or double sided adhesive tape, wherein a ~~the~~ single-sidedly sided or double-sidedly sided adhesive tape is positioned on top of ~~placed~~ atop the protective material ~~from which punched the~~ shaped parts are punched out from the single-sided or double sided adhesive tape by a punching tool via a kiss-cut process, wherein the protective material comprises a backing sheet having a polymer backing including a top and a bottom face, and a non-carbon black color layer is applied to the top and/or the bottom face of the polymer backing so as to avoid abrasion on the punching tool ~~or changes in the electrical conductivity of the backing sheet.~~

#### Claim 3 (currently amended)

3. The protective material as claimed in claim 2, wherein the color layer is applied over the full bottom face area of the backing sheet.

Claim 4 (previously presented)

4. The protective material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymer backing is one of a polyester, polystyrene, polyamide or polyimide.

Claim 5 (previously presented)

5. The protective material as claimed in claim 4, wherein the polymer backing is polyester having a thickness of from 12 to 150  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 6 (previously presented)

6. The protective material as claimed in claim 4, wherein the polymer backing includes an anti-adhesive coating on the top and/or the bottom face.

Claim 7 (previously presented)

7. The protective material as claimed in claim 6, wherein the anti-adhesive coating is one of a silicone-free layer, a low-silicone layer, silicone layer, paraffin layer, Teflon layer or a wax layer.

Claim 8 (currently amended)

8. The protective material as claimed in claim 2, further comprising an anti-adhesive layer applied to the polymer backing and wherein the non-carbon black color layer is applied on the same side of the protective material facing the adhesive tape.

Claim 9 (currently amended)

9. The protective material as claimed in claim 2, wherein the non-carbon black color layer is applied to the polymer backing at from 0.5 to 20  $\text{g/m}^2$ .

Claim 10 (currently amended)

10. The protective material as claimed in claim 2, wherein the non-carbon black color layer is dyed silicone.

Claim 11 (currently amended)

11. A method for using a polymer backing as a backing sheet in a protective material for a ~~single-sidedly~~ sided or ~~double-sidedly~~ sided adhesive tape, wherein the polymer backing has a top and a bottom face and is provided with a full-area non-carbon black color layer on the top or on the bottom face.

Claim 12 (previously presented)

12. The method for using the polymer backing of claim 11, wherein the polymer backing is a polyester backing.

Claim 13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (previously presented)

14. The protective material as claimed in claim 5, wherein the polyester backing has a thickness of from about 25 to 75 $\mu$ m.

Claim 15 (previously presented)

15. The protective material as claimed in claim 14, wherein the polyester backing has a thickness of from about 36 to 50 $\mu$ m.

Claim 16 (currently amended)

16. The protective material as claimed in claim 9, wherein the non-carbon black color layer is applied to the polymer backing at from about 4 to 8 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Claim 17 (currently amended)

17. The protective material as claimed in claim 16, wherein the non-carbon black color layer is applied to the polymer backing at from about 5 to 7 g./m<sup>2</sup>.

Claim 18 (new)

18. A protective material with punched shaped parts, manufactured by converting process for producing single-sided or double-sided adhesive punched shaped parts from a single-sided or double sided adhesive tape, comprising

a single-sided or double-sided adhesive tape positioned on top of the protective material, the shaped parts are punched out from the single-sided or double sided adhesive tape by a punching tool via a kiss-cut process, wherein the protective material comprises a non-carbon black colored polymer backing sheet having a top and a bottom face, the non-carbon black coloring being disposed in the interior of the backing sheet, so as to maintain a substantial stable electrical conductivity of the backing sheet.